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(U) Pol/Econ chief September 21 delivered reftel demarche concerning the U.S. position on the draft UNESCO convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho said he would study our position and consult with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce on the trade aspects of the convention. He expressed his general view that trade matters should remain at the WTO and not leak into other international bodies.

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